

### Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-22 and 27-29, leaving claims 23-26 pending.

1 – 22. Canceled

23. (Original) A database system comprising:

a plurality of nodes;

an evaluator module in a first one of the plurality of nodes;

an access module in a second one of the plurality of nodes, the access module to manage access to a portion of data stored in the database system; and

a controller in the first node adapted to execute a stored procedure object code, the object code containing a first type of code to represent an expression that is one of a conditional expression, an assignment expression, and a dynamic statement, the object code containing a second, different type of code to represent a database query language statement,

the controller adapted to submit the first type of code to the evaluator module to evaluate the expression, and

the controller adapted to submit a command corresponding to the database query language statement to the access module.

24. (Original) The database system of claim 23, wherein the controller comprises a parsing engine.

25. (Original) The database system of claim 23, wherein the first type code comprises machine-level code.

26. (Original) The database system of claim 23, wherein the first type code contains information identifying a type of the expression and a variable and constant used by the expression.

27 – 29. Canceled